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88TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 926

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 1964

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that information relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy shall be made public.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the joint resolution entitled "Joint Resolution author-
4 izing the Commission established to report upon the assassina-
5 tion of President John F. Kennedy to compel the attend-
6 ance and testimony of witnesses and the production of
7 evidence", approved December 13, 1963 (77 Stat. 362;
8 Public Law 88-202), is amended by adding at the end there-
9 of the following new section:
10 "SEC. 2. A record shall be kept of the proceedings of

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1 the Commission, including a literal transcript of the testi-
2 mony of witnesses and all documentary evidence presented
3 to the Commission that relates to any matter under investiga-
4 tion by the Commission, which record shall be open to public
5 inspection upon completion of the work of the Commission,
6 together with the findings and conclusions of the Commis-
7 sion with respect to the assassination of the late President
8 John F. Kennedy and the subsequent violent death of the
9 man charged with the assassination."

Public Law 88-202
88th Congress, S. J. Res. 137
December 13, 1963

Joint Resolution

Authorizing the Commission established to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) for the purposes of this joint resolution, the term "Commission" means the Commission appointed by the President by Executive Order 11130, dated November 29, 1963.

Commission investigating assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

(b) The Commission, or any member of the Commission when so authorized by the Commission, shall have power to issue subpenas requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any evidence that relates to any matter under investigation by the Commission. The Commission, or any member of the Commission or any agent or agency designated by the Commission for such purpose, may administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses, and receive evidence. Such attendance of witnesses and the production of such evidence may be required from any place within the United States at any designated place of hearing.

Subpena power.
28 F.R. 12789.

(c) In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpena issued to any person under subsection (b), any court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on or within the jurisdiction of which said person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the Commission shall have jurisdiction to issue to such person an order requiring such person to appear before the Commission, its member, agent, or agency, there to produce evidence if so ordered, or there to give testimony touching the matter under investigation or in question; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by said court as a contempt thereof.

(d) Process and papers of the Commission, its members, agent, or agency, may be served either upon the witness in person or by registered mail or by telegraph or by leaving a copy thereof at the residence or principal office or place of business of the person required to be served. The verified return by the individual so serving the same, setting forth the manner of such service, shall be proof of the same, and the return post office receipt or telegraph receipt therefor when registered and mailed or telegraphed as aforesaid shall be proof of service of the same. Witnesses summoned before the Commission, its members, agent, or agency, shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the courts of the United States, and witnesses whose depositions are taken and the persons taking the same shall severally be entitled to the same fees as are paid for like services in the courts of the United States.

Manner of service.

77 STAT. 362.
77 STAT. 363.

(e) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, records, correspondence, documents, or other evidence in obedience to a subpena, on the ground that the testimony or evidence required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no individual shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture (except demotion or removal from office) for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege

Privilege against self-incrimination.

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77 STAT. 363.

against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, except that such individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

Place of service.

(f) All process of any court to which application may be made under this Act may be served in the judicial district wherein the person required to be served resides or may be found.

Approved December 13, 1963.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 109 (1963):
Dec. 9: Passed Senate.
Dec. 10: Considered and passed House.

GPO 99-139

Executive Order 11130

APPOINTING A COMMISSION TO REPORT UPON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Pursuant to the authority vested in me as President of the United States, I hereby appoint a Commission to ascertain, evaluate and report upon the facts relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent violent death of the man charged with the assassination. The Commission shall consist of—

The Chief Justice of the United States, Chairman;
Senator Richard B. Russell;
Senator John Sherman Cooper;
Congressman Hale Boggs;
Congressman Gerald R. Ford;
The Honorable Allen W. Dulles;
The Honorable John J. McCloy.

The purposes of the Commission are to examine the evidence developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and any additional evidence that may hereafter come to light or be uncovered by federal or state authorities; to make such further investigation as the Commission finds desirable; to evaluate all the facts and circumstances surrounding such assassination, including the subsequent violent death of the man charged with the assassination, and to report to me its findings and conclusions.

The Commission is empowered to prescribe its own procedures and to employ such assistants as it deems necessary.

Necessary expenses of the Commission may be paid from the "Emergency Fund for the President".

All Executive departments and agencies are directed to furnish the Commission with such facilities, services and cooperation as it may request from time to time.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE,
November 29, 1963.

[F.R. Doc. 63-12560; Filed, Dec. 2, 1963; 10:05 a.m.]

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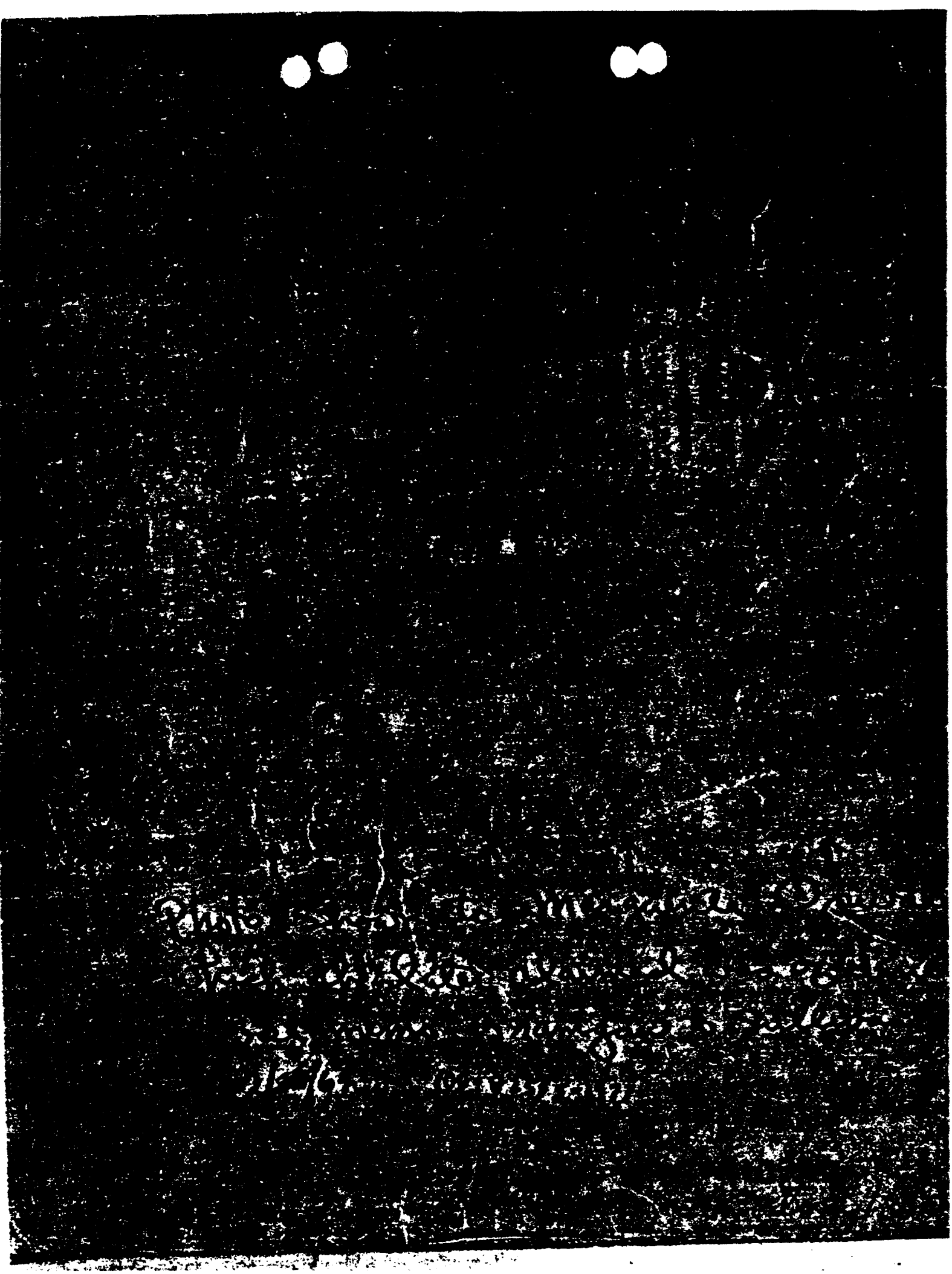

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Photo displayed to
Marguerite Oswald
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of mount which was sent
up to Dallas [redacted]

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See cover page c - Dallas Report 12/2
See Memo Bangs to Sullivan 2/6/64 & to Rankin 2-7-64.

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DATE 10/3/87 INITIALS GDL

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These are the photos shown to Mrs. Oswald (Lee's mother) which she said was Ruby - sent in by Dallas office 11/23/63

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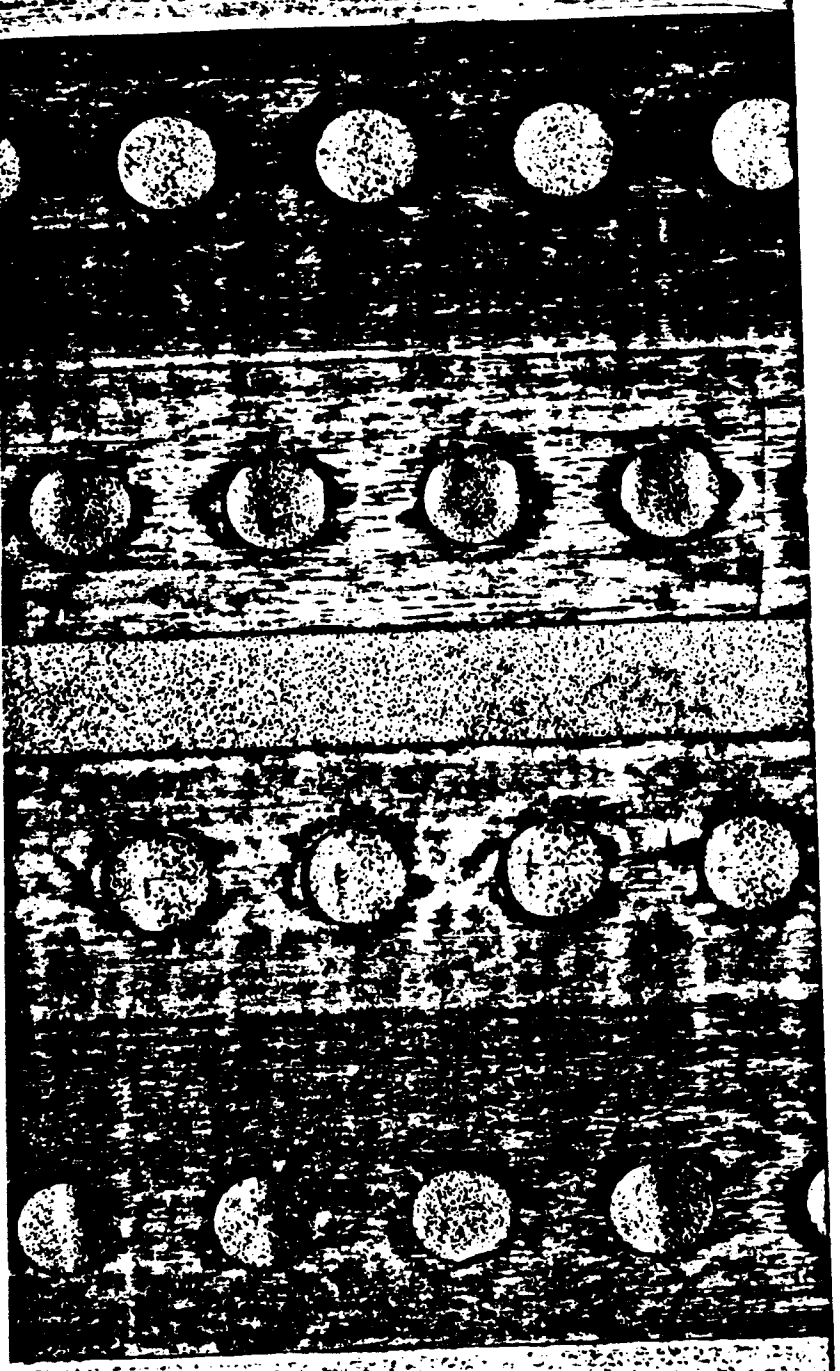

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Mr. Mohr

November 22, 1963

C. D. DeLoach

LEE M. OSWALD

At the invitation of Tom Cole, Special Assistant to Senator John G. Tower (R-Texas), I had SA Hanning personally contact the Senator's office to review the file the Senator has on captioned individual. Photostat copies of the complete file are attached. The file was personally reviewed to insure that the attached was the entire content of the file inasmuch as there are very obvious gaps in the information. For the most part, the file consists of letters exchanged between Oswald and the State Department during 1961 and 1962 when he was making efforts to get out of the Soviet Union with his Russian wife. There is only one letter to Senator Tower which was written to him by Oswald from Minsk, USSR, in which he requests the Senator's assistance in returning to the United States. Although this letter is undated, the Senator's office believed it was received in January, 1962.

It is of interest to note that there is a memorandum in the file dated 2-1-62 signed Linda. Linda is an assistant in Senator Tower's office. This memorandum indicates that she had received a call from Mr. Stanfield in the Department of State regarding Oswald's request to return to the United States. The memorandum states that on 11-2-59, Mr. Oswald swore to the following affidavit:

> "I affirm that my allegiance is to the Soviet Socialist Republic."

Oswald requested that his American citizenship be revoked. The memorandum indicated that he now wished to return to the United States but his mother was unable to finance his return trip and that the State Department would probably furnish him a loan. The memorandum concludes that the Senator should not become involved in this case.

Senator Tower's office said it is obvious that the State Department never kept them advised as to the final disposition of this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Enclosures

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Jones
1 - Mr. Morrell
1 - Mr. Tolson

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organizer

on may 29 1963 I requested permission from the FPCC headquarters at 799 Broadway, new york 3, n.y. to try to form a local branch in new orleans. I received a cautious but enthusiastic go-ahead from V.T. Lee national director of FPCC. I then made a layout and had printed public literature for the setting up of a local FPCC. I hired persons to distribute literature. I then organized persons who display receptive attitudes toward cuba to distribute pamplets. I sough response from latin american consuls of which there are many here in new orleans, I infiltrated the cuban student directorate and that harrassed them with information I gained including having the N.O. city attorney general call them in a put a restraining order pending a hearing on some so-called bonds for invasion they were selling in the new orleans area. I caused the formation of a small, active, FPCC organization of members and sympatizers. where before there was none.

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Residence of USSR

I lived in Moscow from Oct. 16, 1959 to Jan 4, 1960 during which time I stayed at the Berlin and Metropole hotel. I then lived in Munich from Jan 5, 1960 to July 1962. I visited Moscow during June 1961 and June 1962 for a few weeks in Munich I was granted a small apartment at Kalinina St. later re-named Komunist St. I worked at the Belorussian Radio and T.V. plant as a metal worker.

A. Clippings

Photographer

I have worked in the Jaggers-Chiles-Stovall typographical co. 532 Brookes St. Dallas, Texas, I worked from Oct 1, 1962 to April 1, 1962. I am proficient in the photographic arts known as reverses, transparencies, line, modification, equals blowups, and miniaturization. I have submitted and been commended for photo work for the party. I am familiar with layout and art work and am aquainted with cold metal and hot metal processes in printing.

A. TAX RETURNS of J.C.S

B. LETTERS COMMENDING PHOTO WORK BY THE PARTY

military and Far East

I served in the USMC from Oct 1956 Sept 1959 during which time I served in San Diego, Calif Oct 56 April 60 camp pendleton April - May 1957, Jacksonville Fla May - June 1957, Santa Anna Calif June - Aug 1957, and in Japan August 1957 - Dec. 1958, Santa Anna, El Toro Air Base Dec 1958 - Sept 1959, 1 month on leave during Dec. 1958.

My stay in the Far East totaled 8 months in Japan from Sept. 1957 to Nov. 1957 and from May - Oct 1958 During Dec 58 to May 58 I was stationed at Subic Bay near Manila, Philippine Islands.

I served in Electronics school Jacksonville Fla., and advanced Radar School Biloxi Mississippi. I also received my high school level diploma at the same time as my schooling in Biloxi Miss.

A. DISCHARGE DD 214
B. DIPLOMA - Jacksonville FIAR SCHOOL
C " Biloxie Miss. "
D. CERTIFICATE OF High School COMPLETION

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STREET AGITATION

I am experienced in street agitation having done it in New Orleans in connection with the F.P.C.C. On Aug. 9 1963 I was accosted by three anti-Castro cubans and was arrested for "causing a disturbance" I was interrogated by intelligence section of New Orleans Police Dept and held overnight being bailed out the next morning by relatives I eventually was fined 10.$ charges against the three cuban were dropped by the judge.

On aug 16 I organized a four man FPCC demonstration in front of the International trade mart in New Orleans This demonstration was filmed by WDSU-T and shown on the 6:00 news.

F1 On august 17 I was invited by WDSU-Radio to appear on the august 17 radio program Latin american Focus at 7.30 The moderator was Bill Stucky who put questions to me for half an hour about FPCC attitude and opinions.

B after this program I was invited to take part in a radio debate between John Battles of "Area" anti communist propaganda agency representative and Carlos Bringier Cuban exile

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Student Revolutionary Directorat delegate in New Orleans. This Debate was broadcast at 6:05 to 6:30 August 21, 1963 after this program I made a 3 minute T.V. newscast which was shown the next day (August 22.).

B

I received advice, direction and literature from V.T. Lee national Director of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee of which I am a member. at my own expense I had printed "Hands off Cuba" handbills and New Orleans branch membership blanks for the F.P.C.C. Local.

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A. Letter from V.T. Lee
B. FPCC membership card

marxist

I first read the communist manifesto and 1st volume of capital in 1954 when I was 15 & have study 18th century philosophers & works by Lenin after 1959 and attended some free marxist reading circles and groups at the factory where I worked some of which were compulsory and others which were not. Also in Russia through newspapers, radio and TV. I learned much of marx Engels and Lenins works. Such articles are given very good coverage daily in the USSR.

After my stay in the Soviet Union upon my return to the USA I continue to receive by subscription from "Pankin Inc." Soviet ideological and informative literature, "agitator" newspaper Soviet "Belorussia" "Krokodil" satirical political magazine and the CPUSA newspaper "Worker" also I receive the well known Soviet journal "OGONYOK". I also have received literature from the Soviet Embassy, Washington D.C. A. Proof of subscriptions to Soviet journals B. Subscription from 1962 & Workers

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Russian

I learned the Russian language during my da
three years resident in Moscow and
minsk USSR October 1959 - July 1962
I study russian elementary and advanced
grammar from text books with a
English speaking Russian intourist teache
by the name of Rosa agafonova, minsk
Jan-May 1960. I am totaly profinete in
speaking conversational Russian. I can
read non-technical Russian text
without difficulty and can to a less
extent write in the Russian language.

A. LETTER OF PROFICIENCY

RADIO SPEAKER AND LECTURER

on august 22 I was invited by
Gene Murrett, who is studying for
catholic priesthood, to give a lecture
on Russia, Gene Murrett is the
son of my mother sister, Mrs D.
Murrett 752 french st. N.O. La.
This lecture took place July 22, 1963 [illegible]
at the university Jesuit House of Studies
[illegible] hill station mobile alabama over

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4 p.m.
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graduates taking the 4 years subsequent course for the priesthood attended several of the college's professors also were present. This lecture lasted for 1 hr. 10 min after which there was 20 minutes of question from the audience. This lecture took place in the auditorium where women are not allowed to an all-male audience attended. The moderator of this lecture was Paul Peozza, Jesuit.

LETURE

A. invitation letter

B. comments letter

RADIO

NO RECORDS

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : THE DIRECTOR DATE: December 9, 1963

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The Congressional Record for Friday, December 6, 1963, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

SENATE

Pages 22457-22461. Senator Byrd, (D) Virginia, submitted for the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures a report on Federal employment for the months of September and October 1963, and pay for the months of August and September 1963. References to the Justice Department, indicating a decrease in personnel and pay, have been noted.

Page 22473. Senator Russell, (D) Georgia, submitted for himself and Senator Cooper, (R) Kentucky, a joint resolution (S. J. Res. 137) authorizing the Commission established to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence.

Pages 22521-22522. The Senate passed without amendment S. 1319, to amend chapter 35 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to the escape or attempted escape of juvenile delinquents. Senator Mansfield, (D) Montana, requested to have printed in the Record excerpts from the Senate Report on this bill. The report pointed out that this legislation was recommended by the Justice Department.

Pages 22522-22527. The Senate passed without amendment S. 776, to encourage the creation of original ornamental designs of useful articles by protecting the authors of such designs for a limited time against unauthorized

1 - Mr. Tolson - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Belmont - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Mohr - with enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - with enclosure
1 - Mr. Evans - with enclosure
1 - Mr. D. C. Morrell - with enclosure

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Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

SENATE - continued

copying. Senator Mansfield, (D) Montana, requested to have printed in the Record an excerpt from the Senate Report explaining the purposes of the bill.

Pages 22542-22546. Senator Simpson, (R) Wyoming, spoke concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He stated "From all strata of American life—from pulpit, press, and the Nation's highest court—has come the enunciation that a great deficit in American morals is the underlying cause of the Dallas tragedy. This, I vehemently resent. - - - Statements affixing a collective guilt, whether it be upon Dallas, the great State of Texas, or the Nation, can come only from men who have lost contact with the American spirit. They are ignoring both the facts of the assassination and the manner in which the American people responded to the tragedy. - - - Those who would accuse the political right of pulling the trigger overlook the plethora of facts which point the finger of guilt at Lee Oswald and his affinity to leftwing dogmas from Marx to Castro. - - - As I have said, Mr. President, it is unlikely that a conspiracy of Oswald's leftist compatriots exists in the assassination. It is my understanding that a soon to be released report by the FBI substantiates that Oswald acted as a 'loner' in the killing. But why was not Oswald under the closest scrutiny during the President's visit in Texas?" Mr. Simpson included several articles and editorials with his remarks.

Pages 22551-22553. Senator Mundt, (R) South Dakota, spoke concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Mundt stated "A group of propagandists in foreign lands and a few commentators and writers in America have sought to convey the erroneous idea that the tragic and brutal assassination of President Kennedy reflected 'an American attitude' and that all our citizens should have a sense of guilt because of this atrocious act. Fortunately, however, wiser and more thoughtful spokesmen are now making clear the fact which should have been apparent to us all; namely, that Oswald was a malicious killer and that his murderer, in turn, was an erratic individual and publicity seeker." Mr. Mundt, in submitting three newspaper articles with his remarks, included an article entitled "Assassination Evokes Odd Views—Many Seen Linking Kennedy Killing To Racists, Rightists, Despite Facts." This article stated "Now a series of inquiries is beginning. One is by the FBI and the Justice Department into both the assassination and the murder of the accused assassin. - - - But one simple fact should not be ignored. The accused, and likely, murderer was a proudly professed Marxist; he never boasted of being a segregationist or a far-righter."

Memorandum to the Director
Re: The Congressional Record

SENATE - continued

Pages 22553-22555. Senator Magnuson, (D) Washington, submitted the text of an address delivered by Mr. Hoover on accepting the Brotherhood Award of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. He also included an article written by Jerry O'Leary, Jr., entitled "Hoover Says Fanatics Are Threat to Nation" which appeared in the Washington Evening Star on December 5th. Mr. Magnuson stated "millions of sorrowful, thoughtful Americans listened Tuesday night as their FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, spoke to them and for them. His speech was very thoughtful and important and, in fact, was one of the most intelligent addresses I have ever read. - - - I am glad J. Edgar Hoover has won the Brotherhood Award of the Washington Hebrew Congregation. He deserves it."

Page 22600. The Senate confirmed the nomination of William Jack Howard, of California, to be Chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Adjournment: Until Monday, December 9, 1963, at 12 noon.

HOUSE

The proceedings of the House contain nothing of particular interest to the Bureau.

APPENDIX

Pages A7445-A7446. Congressman Boggs, (D) Louisiana, extended his remarks to include the address delivered by Mr. Hoover, before the Brotherhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, on December 4, 1963. Mr. Boggs stated "I commend to every Member of the House and Senate this very fine speech in which Mr. Hoover not only recites many eternal truths about freedom and liberty, but also he says them very well."

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen

MR. SULLIVAN

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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Turner
1 - Mr. Stewart

MR. BRANIGAN

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

A newspaper article appearing in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" dated 12-8-63, entitled "Dallas Ad Placer Explains Its Source," reveals a telephone interview with Bernard Weissman whose name appears as a signer of the full-page highly critical ad concerning President Kennedy's foreign policies in the "Dallas Morning News" on the morning of 11-22-63. Weissman stated the money for the ad, $1,463, was collected by a small group he headed known as the "American Fact Finding Committee." He added he was in Dallas when the President was assassinated and telephoned the FBI the same day and volunteered to appear for questioning "because of the attention that had been focused on my group due to its announced aims along conservative lines." He further added "they (the FBI) knew more about me than I knew about myself." He stated he left Dallas a few days later because he could not earn a living with the threats and pressure being brought to bear against him by local liberal groups.

The Director commented on the above portion of the article "Is this story accurate?"

Either Weissman has been misquoted or he is lying to attempt to create an impression he is of some importance. My memorandum dated 12-6-63 which you have seen and which is attached, sets forth the facts concerning the preparation of the ad, those responsible and those from whom the funds were solicited. Weissman, who arrived in Dallas only 19 days before the assassination, permitted his name to be used for the purpose of counteracting charges of anti-Semitism which had been directed against the conservatives.

In regard to Weissman's alleged telephone call to the Dallas Office, SAC Gordon Shanklin on 12-10-63

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W. C. SULLIVAN

12-12-63

W. A. BRANIGAN

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1 - Turner

LEE HARVEY OSWALD
INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

While reviewing the headquarters files of Secret Service on 12-11-63, a memo dated 11-25-63 from Secret Service Agent William H. Patterson addressed to "Chief" was found which stated that while Patterson was in the police station in Dallas, he engaged an FBI agent in conversation and found out that he was on the subversive desk. This agent reportedly stated to Patterson that subject had contacted 2 known subversive agents about 15 days before the shooting but the entire information was Top Secret and he (the Bureau agent) could not tell the Secret Service any more but felt sure that the file would be turned over to the Chief of the Secret Service.

On 12-11-63 the Dallas office was telephonically requested to identify the agent who had talked to Patterson and get specific details as to what was said and to submit it to the Bureau. Dallas teletype 12-11-63 points out that this matter was discussed with personnel of the Dallas office and the only incident which in any way resembles this report relates to a conversation between SA James P. Hosty, Jr., of the Dallas office and Forrest V. Sorrels, agent in charge of the Dallas unit of the Secret Service. This conversation took place at the police station after subject was arrested. Hosty and SA James W. Bookhout were assigned to sit in on the police interview of subject. Following the interview subject was taken into an outer office where Sorrels began questioning him. After talking to subject for some time during which subject was furnishing information concerning his background and travel to Russia, Captain Will Fritz of the Dallas Police Department mentioned to Sorrels that SA Hosty might have some information concerning subject. At this point SA Hosty called Sorrels aside and told him that there was more information concerning subject but he should get it through FBI headquarters in Washington. Nothing more was said.

There were several other agents of the Secret Service present when this comment was made to Sorrels but it was made in such a fashion that no one else might hear it and so far as SA Hosty knows they did not overhear it. Hosty did not tell Sorrels or anyone else that subject had contacted 2 known subversive agents about 15 days before the assassination. SA Bookhout sat in on the interview of

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subject but did not hear SA Hosty's conversation with Sorrels. The Dallas teletype indicates there is no information known to the Dallas office other than this incident which could even remotely be considered as a basis for Secret Service Agent Patterson's memo.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that liaison discuss this matter with appropriate personnel at Secret Service headquarters in an effort to ascertain the basis for Patterson's memo. The Secret Service should be advised that the FBI did not as of 11-25-63, does not at the present time and never didd have any information indicating that subject had contacted 2 "known subversive agents 15 days before the assassination."